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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 23 November 1966

The Director said that the NRO Executive Committee will meet for one hour this afternoon with BOB participation.

DD/I reported that Morell and Brandwein briefed Ambassador Thompson on the ChiCom advanced weapons test program. The Ambassador intends to propose to Secretary Rusk that he (the Ambassador) be kept up to date by the Agency on the Chinese test program with a view to discussing this subject with Ambassador Dobrynin. The Director thought this is an angle worth trying.

DD/I briefed on the latest developments concerning the possible [redacted] After some discussion the Director agreed that the DD/I should call [redacted] in the Director's name to communicate the Agency's negative views.

Godfrey briefed the Director on an intelligence item involving [redacted] relations and called attention to the fact that the army [redacted] went on full alert last night.

Godfrey noted intelligence from a preliminary readout of KH-4 [redacted]

Kent said that the clean-up on NIE 11-3 has gone out for coordination. The Director asked Kent to do what he can to expedite the publication of NIE 11-3. DDCI complimented Kent on the letter accompanying the clean-up package.

Kent briefed the Director on problems involving the South-West Africa Estimate and noted that it will be ready for USIB a week from tomorrow.

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DD/S reported that yesterday's scheduled meeting with BOB on the Agency's supergrade ceiling was postponed until next week.

Carver reported that Moyers' office has asked him for information on the effectiveness of the bombing of North Vietnam. Carver had called attention to the joint CIA/DIA monthly reports on this subject. He alerted the Director that [] office is engaged in a cost-effectiveness study of the bombing.

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A-DD/S&T discussed the likely schedule of future TACKLE missions. DDCI reminded that the intelligence data base on China is getting out of date.

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In reply to a question A-DD/S&T explained the nomenclature of Soviet missilery.

DD/P informed the Director on actions taken to straighten the record with CINCPAC on [] He gave some background on the []

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DDCI asked about the timing on turning over [] to the Navy. DD/P said he will look into it.

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The Director initiated a discussion on a letter from the Chairman, COMOR to D/NRO. This brought up certain basic questions which NRO should be asked to answer.

ACTION:

1. The Director asked [] to coordinate on a draft letter for the Director's signature to NRO asking for certain information on the future of the reconnaissance program.

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